

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

A. Introductory Remarks

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 22-23, 25-33 and 44-45 will be pending, with claim 44 being withdrawn from consideration. Claims 22-23 and 33 are currently being amended. Claims 34 and 36-43 are currently being canceled. Claim 45 is currently being added. Exemplary support for claim 45 exists in original claim 1. As discussed with Examiner VanderVegt in a brief telephone communication on November 2, 2005, the addition of claim 45 should require no more than a cursory review from the Examiner.

It is acknowledged that the amendments are being made after final rejection of the application. However, because the amendments place the application in better condition for appeal or allowance, without requiring further searching and without introducing new subject matter into the application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

B. Allowable Subject Matter

All the claims are directed to subject matter already deemed allowable. The Office stated at page 4 of its action that claim 23 was directed to allowable subject matter, and objected to that claim merely for depending from a rejected base claim. The only independent claim now under examination, claim 22, includes all the previous limitations of claim 23. Accordingly, all the claims are directed to allowable subject matter, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the remaining rejections.

C. Concluding Remarks

Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request favorable reconsideration of it.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would further advance prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any extension fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

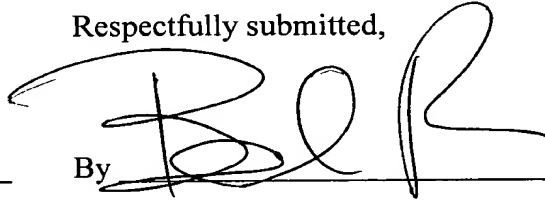
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